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**Mendalyn Cochran Promoted to Deputy Warden
at Northpoint Training Center**

Frankfort, Ky. (August 19, 2015) - Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) Commissioner LaDonna H. Thompson today announced the promotion of Mendalyn Cochran to deputy warden at Northpoint Training Center (NTC) in Danville. Her promotion is effective Sept. 1.

"Mendalyn Cochran is a valuable corrections professional with nearly 20 years of experience," said Thompson. "She will be a strong asset for Northpoint in her new role as a deputy warden."

Cochran began her career in 1996 at NTC as a chief clerk and held various administrative positions until 2006 when she was promoted to a supervisory role as the prison's procedures and accreditation manager. In 2011 Cochran was promoted to unit administrator II. She has also served five years as the public information officer for Northpoint.

"I am excited to have Mendalyn Cochran as a part of the NTC leadership team," said Warden Don Bottom. "Her experience, work ethic and passion for the job are evident. She has a proven track record of accomplishing goals and successfully completing projects making her an excellent addition to help promote growth within the institution."

During her career, Cochran has been recognized with numerous awards including the 2004 and 2011 Achievement Award for Northpoint. She is a 2001 graduate of the Leadership and Education Development (LEAD) Program. Cochran is also an active member of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) and served as a Herrington Lake chapter president in 2002-2003.

Editor's note: photo attached

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